

Remarks

Claims 26-27 and 70-71 were rejected as anticipated by OKADA et al. 6,181,870. The claims have been replaced with new claims directed to the same invention and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The new claims are allowable because OKADA et al. does not disclose the method (or means) in which compressed, encoded video and/or audio data is stored in the disc storage medium as a respective data file for each titled file, where each data file has plural blocks that each has a uniform length and plural frames of the compressed, encoded video and/or audio data; in which for each of the titled files a respective map file is prepared that includes address data for the blocks and frames of the respective data file; and in which editing instructions for one of said title files are input that change the respective map file by deleting the address data for ones of the blocks to be edited out and changing the address data for the frames in ones of the blocks to be shortened by editing. An example of this embodiment of the present invention is seen in Figures 10-12 and explained in the corresponding text at page 25.

Specifically, OKADA et al. do not disclose the plural blocks of uniform length with plural frames of compressed data, the map file with address data for the blocks and frames of the respective data file, and the editing instructions as claimed.

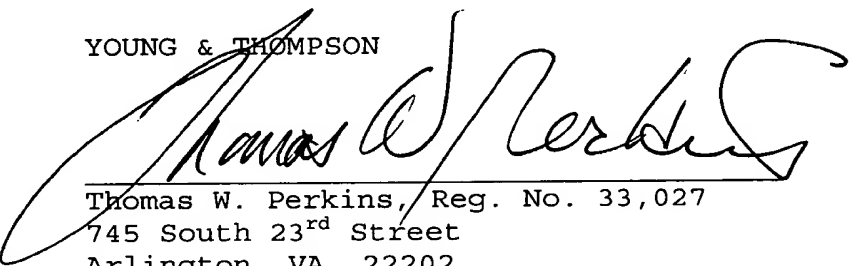
For example, Figure 70A of OKADA et al. shows that a plurality of areas are illustrated as blocks in a single file, but these areas are not the map files, and the frames and addresses are not given. Further, there is no suggestion to edit a title file by deleting the address data in the respective map file for ones of the blocks to be edited out and changing the address data for the frames in ones of the blocks to be shortened by editing.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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